

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 145

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND URGING ALL IDAHO RESIDENTS TO PROTECT THEIR HOMES AND FAMILIES BY EDUCATING THEMSELVES ABOUT THE RISKS AND SYMPTOMS OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING AND BY INSTALLING CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN THEIR HOMES.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature recognizes that all human life is sacred; and

WHEREAS, carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless but dangerous gas produced when a fuel such as natural gas, oil, kerosene, wood or charcoal is burned; and

WHEREAS, fuel-burning appliances used indoors must be maintained, used properly and fully vented to the outdoors to prevent dangerous levels of carbon monoxide; and

WHEREAS, carbon monoxide poisoning is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and the home is where carbon monoxide poses the greatest risk to people; and

WHEREAS, carbon monoxide poisoning is one of the leading causes of unintentional and accidental poisoning deaths in the United States and accounts for more than 50,000 emergency room visits each year across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Idaho has recently experienced a tragic loss of lives as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning; and

WHEREAS, people can take personal steps to increase their safety from carbon monoxide poisoning, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, those who have inspected their home fuel-burning appliances, have installed a carbon monoxide detector and are aware of carbon monoxide poisoning symptoms are more prepared for and more likely to survive exposure to carbon monoxide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that we urge all Idaho residents to protect their homes and families by educating themselves about the risks and symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning and by installing carbon monoxide detectors in their homes to provide a safer environment for their families.